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TO: Dennis Braddock, Secretary
Department of Social and Health Services

FROM: Marty Brown, Director

SUBJECT: Department of Social and Health Services Incident Report #03-07 Does Not Merit Review

Pursuant to RCW 43.41.370 and the Guidelines for Reporting Incidents, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) reported alleged sexual abuse of a resident of Naselle Youth Camp by an employee to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) on September 27, 2002.

The employee was a caretaker at the institution and he supervised youths working in the facilities maintenance operation. The alleged victim in the incident was an incarcerated 17-year-old who claims that over the course of approximately six months, his supervisor touched him inappropriately, made sexual advances, took him off the institution grounds without proper authority and threatened him with retribution if he complained. DSHS immediately removed the employee from the institution. The Pacific County Sheriff's Office and Washington State Patrol conducted extensive investigations and decided to file no criminal charges.

RCW 43.41.370(1) requires the Director of OFM to appoint a loss prevention review team when the death of a person, serious injury to a person, or other substantial loss is alleged or suspected to be caused at least in part by the actions of a state agency unless the Director, in his discretion, determines that the incident "does not merit review". Applying the criteria for loss prevention reviews, issued November 18, 2002, I have determined this incident does not merit review. It appears that the response of DSHS was appropriate and that the incident does not significantly relate to agency systems or practices. An additional review is unnecessary at this time.

This decision will be posted on the OFM website. If you have any questions about the criteria or its application to this incident, please contact either Susan Hettinger at (360) 902-9815 or Gary Robinson at (360) 902-0528.

cc: Bernie Friedman, Special Assistant Secretary, Risk Management